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Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated January 6, 2009, Applicant clarifies that previously added claims 183 and 184 read on the elected species of wound healing polypeptide.

Also, with respect to the patient population recited in claims 185 and 186, Applicant elects those with a skin wound as a species.

Further, as to additional agents recited in claims 3, 11, 14 and 29, Applicant elects transforming growth factor beta as a species.

In addition, as to the species of excipients recited in claim 136, Applicant elects sterile water as a species.

Group I, claims 1-40, 53-61, 133-136, 173-177, and 183-186 read on all elected species.

Applicant understands that it will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all limitations of an allowable generic claim, upon allowance of a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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